

April 2009

Gallatin County 4-H Newsletter



Project Add/Drop Deadline:

May 1st is the last day to drop or add projects. 4-Hers must be enrolled in a project to participate at the Summer Fair. If you have been working in a project area and haven't signed up for that project, call our office to add it. Not sure what you are signed up for, call our office at 388-3213 to check.

Fair Schedule Planning Meeting

Any project leader interested in the Fair schedule, please attend a planning meeting on **April 8th at 11:30** at the 4-H Office. We will be discussing the animal shows, days, and times and finalizing the schedule of events.

2009 Summer Fair "Country Pride - County Wide" July 15-19, 2009

FAIR ENTIREES - VERY IMPORTANT!!!!

ENTRY DEADLINE FOR FAIR: June 30th, 2009

(entries will be accepted with a late fee from July 1st to July 7th.

ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES AFTER JULY 7TH,

NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Entries will close 1 week before fair and **ABSOLUTELY** no one will be allowed to enter the fair after July 7th. It is difficult to plan ahead for ribbons, space needs, animal stalls and pens, etc if entries are allowed past the deadline and not fair to others who have abided by the rules. If you miss the last deadline, you **WILL NOT** be allowed to exhibit at the fair. Please be considerate of the amount of time it takes to put on a fair and get your entries in on time! Fair entry books and entry forms will not be mailed out, you can pick them up in the 4-H office or find them online. **We will have the 4-H pages of the fairbook and entry forms available early May in the office or online at www.gallatinextension.com.**

Record Books: Once again this year, up to date record books are to be shown at interviews or to project leaders at fair time in order to receive your premium money. 4-H is great because not only do you get to learn about what you are interested in but you also learn how to keep records and evaluate your own successes, failures, and progress. Be proud of yourself and show your record books at fair. If you need record book forms, contact your leader or the 4-H office, or go online to www.gallatinextension.com and choose the following links: 4-H, Forms, Record forms.

Interviews: New this year - Interviews are strongly encouraged for **each project** that you enter. If you have both a livestock project and an indoor project, you should try to interview in both areas. If you have more than one indoor project, attempt to interview in each project area.

Leader Council Meeting

The Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade. Bring a couple dollars for your meal. Next meeting is Tuesday, April 14, 2009.

Revised Council Bylaws

The Unlimited Leaders Council has diligently been updating their operating bylaws to reflect changes in the way business is conducted. Significant changes have been suggested and we require the 4-H membership to review and make comment before the bylaws are put into action. Please take a look at them and present any comments and concerns at the April 14th Unlimited Leaders Council meeting. A draft of the bylaw revisions is available at the office for your review or as a .pdf document on the 4-H website, www.gallatinextension.com.

